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SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1865.

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REPORT

Of the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield, for the year ending
March, 1865.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums by
them received :

Cash on hand March, 1864, \$16 04

Cash received of State Treasurer, United States bound-
ty, first installment, 682 00

Cash borrowed as follows :

- John M. Philbrick,	\$225 00	Mardin Gross,	700 00
- John M. Philbrick,	300 00	Elisabeth Sanborn,	50 00
- Israel Sanborn,	100 00	Robert Fulton,	50 00
- Alonzo P. Nichols,	250 00	Enoch Messer,	60 00
- Betsey Nichols,	50 00	Thomas J. Colby,	50 00
- Joseph Colcord,	100 00	Nath'l C. Knowlton,	100 00
- Mrs. R. B. Straw,	300 00	Ephraim Davis,	50 00
- John H. Johnson,	65 00	George H. Morgan,	50 00
- Ephraim D. Morgan,	100 00	Rev. A. Farwell,	100 00
- Asa Chase, Jr.,	200 00	Asa B. Pillsbury,	100 00
- Moses Powell,	300 00	Alstead Brownell,	300 00
- Mary F. Nichols,	200 00	Samuel Stevens,	100 00
- Elihu Chase,	200 00	Mary E. Gilman,	100 00
- Betsey J. Gross,	50 00	Richard G. Pillsbury,	100 00
- William Thissell,	75 00	Junius A. Spencer,	150 00
- William Conant,	50 00	Lydia Spencer,	200 00
- Ezra Pillsbury,	30 00	Sanborn Davis,	300 00
- Aaron Quimby,	500 00	Albert K. Reed,	500 00
- John Trow,	220 00	Joshua D. Hemphill,	200 00
- Joseph Colcord,	150 00	Alonzo P. Nichols,	250 00
- Joshua D. Hemphill,	100 00	E. L. Nichols,	275 00
- James S. Boyce,	125 00	Sanborn Davis,	675 00
- Horace Atwell,	500 00	Asa Chase, Jr.,	100 00
- Lewis Pillsbury,	100 00	Betsey Ann Johnson,	180 00
- James Eastman,	800 00	John F. Carter,	500 00
- James Colcord,	75 00	Charles D. Sargent,	225 00
- Robert Fulton,	60 00	Edwin F. Messer,	175 00
- Leavitt S. Pillsbury,	75 00	Hezekiah Messer,	140 00

Mary S. Pillsbury,	20 00	Joshua D. Hemphill,	150 00
Enoch Messer,	40 00	Thomas S. Worthen,	70 00
Mary Heselton,	150 00	Harvey Brown,	400 00
Rhoda A. Hilborn,	225 00	John Trow,	200 00
David S. Luce,	60 00	Charles Jewett,	100 00
Asa B. Pillsbury,	200 00	John M. Dow,	125 00
Mary F. Nichols,	110 00	John M. Philbrick,	400 00
Asa Chase, Jr.,	100 00	Marcus K. Hauser,	100 00
N. C. Todd,	300 00	Asa Chase, Jr.,	50 00
Aaron Young,	50 00	Daniel P. Quimby,	700 00
Gideon Wilkins,	100 00	Amanda McDaniels,	550 00
Rec'd of Daniel H. Adams, Collector School House			
Taxes Dist. No. 5, and Dist. No. 5, in			
Sunapee,			
			10 97
Daniel H. Adams, Collector on his bond for			
1864,			3.934 29
John H. Johnson, towards furnishing substit-			
ute,			100 00
Richard S. Morgan, towards furnishing sub-			
stitute,			100 00
Henry H. Philbrick, towards furnishing sub-			
stitute,			100 00
Joseph Hill, towards furnishing substitute,			100 00
Levi W. Barton, witness fees on Kidder			
Road in 1863,			11 64
State Treasurer, literary fund for the year			
1864,			93 52
State Treasurer, aid to volunteers families,			2.187 67
Joseph Davis, Jr., balance of his bond 1863,			201 61
			<hr/>
			\$22.817 74

The whole amount of money which has passed into the Selectmen's hands from various sources during the year is twenty-two thousand eight hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy-four cents.

And the Selectmen credit themselves with the following sums by them paid out, as follows :

SCHOOL MONEY.

Cash Paid Valentine Manihan, District No. 1,			\$90 63
John C. Crooker,	"	2,	28 87
Daniel Colby,	"	3,	35 13
James McDaniels,	"	5,	43 48
Alonzo P. Nichols,	"	6,	58 10

Horatio B. Fowler,	" " 8,	36 72 .
Phineas Messer,	" " 9,	57 78 .
Richard Clough,	" " 10,	40 67 .
Samuel Stevens,	" " 11,	26 50 .
Daniel S. Perley,	" " 12,	24 15 .
Moses Bean,	" " 13,	46 08 .
Jonathan Russell, Boyce & Chase,		4 00 .

Amounting to \$492 11

MINISTER MONEY.

Cash paid Charles McDaniel, Universalist Society, for the year 1863,	\$8 90 .
Elihu Chase, Christians, for 1864,	9 69 .
Marcus K. Hauser, Congregationalist, from 1856 to 1864, inclusive,	8 87 .

Amounting to \$27 46

DAMAGES.

Cash paid James Proctor, damage to self on the 4th N. H. turnpike, dislocation of shoulder joint,	\$35 00 .
Elihu Chase, damage to horse and wagon,	10 00 .
John Clark, damage on the Washburn Road, so called, by snow drifts, and loss of potatoes, 1863,	5 00 .

Amount of damages, \$50 00

REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Joseph Colcord, 700 ft. plank, board measure, 4 20,	
250 feet of plank, 1 50, to 120 feet plank, 72,	6 42 .
A. S. Philbrick, one day on road, 1 25, use of scraper, 75,	2 00 .
Samuel N. Davis, for repairs in Dist. No. 4, 85 feet of plank, 55, 1-2 day, self and team, 60,	1 15 .
Langdon L. Hill, two days work on Perley Road,	3 25 .
Kimball Haselton, 1 1-2 day's work on highway, 1 88,	
and oxen one day, 1 25, plow and scraper, 50,	3 63 .
Benjamin Perley, 440 feet of plank,	2 64 .
Moses Noyes, one day's work, self and oxen, on road in district, R. F. Sanborn,	3 00 .
Hursey Eastman, repairing culvert on Stony Brook Road,	1 00 .
Moses C. Fowler, finding plank and labor on bridge,	3 00 .
Jeremiah Fowler, 308 feet plank,	1 54 .

Austin Loverin, 175 plank, 1 05, labor on New London Road, 130,	2 35
John M. Philbrick, 760 feet plank, 4 50, 50 feet of timber for stringers, 50, two days repairing bridge, 2.00,	7 00
A. J. Sanborn, one day's work on road, 1 50, use of plow one day, 50,	2 00
John F. Hardy, repairing bridge, and labor on McAlvin Road, 1 00, 1-2 day building new bridge, 50, paid James Trow for labor on road, 17,	1 67
James Colcord, 138 ft. plank,	82
Joseph Sulloway, 3 days on the 4th N. H. Turnpike, 3 00, three plank for bridge, 77, 1-2 day on turnpike, 66, one day on said turnpike, 1 00, 2-3 day on said turnpike, 75, one day on turnpike, 1 00, plank for turnpike, 50, fixing causeway, 33, fixing bridge, 75, for plank, 48, 1-2 day on road, 50, two hours on road, 20, 1-2 day on road, 63, fixing with stone causeway, 66, cash paid Carlton H. Melendy, 50,	11 73
Moses O. Boyce, to self and oxen repairing highway, 2 00, one day on road, 1 00, four days on road, 4 00, 100 feet of plank, 75, to breaking out road, 2 00, for the year 1863,	9 75
Cyrus F. Hill, one day labor on road,	1 25
Oliver C. Heath, labor on road,	1 25
George P. Sholes, three days labor on road,	4 50
Ephraim Davis, two days labor on Perley Road, so called,	3 00
Richard S. Morgan, four days work on Perley Road,	6 00
Jacob Messer, four days on Perley Road, 6 00, one day breaking Perley Road, 1 00, one day on Gay Road bridge, 1 00, cash paid F. Morgan, 1 50, cash paid M. M. Davis, 1-2 day on Gay Bridge, 75, cash paid Nathaniel Emerson, one day, 1 50	11 75
Richard W. Allen, four days self and oxen on Perley Road, 14 50, 1-2 day self and oxen on Gay Bridge, 1 40,	16 00
Charles Pillsbury, to fixing bog bridge,	1 00
George Fisher, two days on Perley Road,	3 00
Rev. A. Farwell, 270 ft. of plank, 1 62, to fixing bridge, 63,	2 25
Meriah Heath, to three days on 4th N. H. Turnpike, 3 00, to four hands, two yoke of oxen one day on said turnpike, 6 00, to three hands, 1 yoke of oxen on said turnpike, 4 00, myself, one day on said turnpike, 1 00, to 3 1-2 days on said turnpike, 3 50,	17 50
Whole amount repairing roads and bridges,	<hr/> \$130 45

CASH PAID TO VOLUNTEERS' FAMILIES.

Lewis G. Hilborn,	\$130 00	Henry T. Sanborn,	\$144 00
Moses J. Adams,	144 00	Otis S. Heselton,	144 00
David S. Luce,	48 00	John Rollins,	144 00
Darius K. Davis,	144 00	Francis Nichols,	96 00
Moses C. Colcord,	16 00	Alexander Stevens,	144 00
James W. Water,	16 00	Hiram S. Barber,	80 00
Reuben F. Stevens,	48 00	John H. Prescott,	108 00
John J. Quimby,	24 00	Fernando G. Lull,	36 00
Sidney A. Heselton,	52 00	George B. Robie,	80 00
George W. Austin,	80 00	James H. Hardy,	80 00
Abner J. Sanborn,	66 00	Andrew J. Young,	66 00
George P. Sholes,	22 00	Isaac D. Tenny,	22 00
Ebenezer S. Kibbee,	66 00	Aldred H. Fowler,	22 00
Albert H. Davis,	66 00	Benjamin F. Hill,	66 00

Amounting to, \$2.154 00

JOSEPH DAVIS, JR., *Services as Selectman:*

Services case of varioloid, 2.00, cleansing town records, services as town clerk, and cash paid out, 3.00, 2 days at Concord, 2.00, cash paid car fare, 2.30, stage fare to Andover, 1.50, cash paid expenses, 1.75, 4 days taking inventory, 4.00, 3 days making taxes surveyors' warrants, collector's bond, &c., 3.00, making collector's book, 1.00, making return of inventory to State, 1.00, making return to State, aid to volunteers' 1.00, warning special town meeting, .50, making return of militia to town clerk, .50, 1-2 day, self and team to Sunapee to make school house tax, Lyce & Chase, 1.50, warning special meeting, .50, making return of soldiers and cash paid out, 1.00, 1 day at Concord, 1.50, team to Andover and keeping 1.50, expenses, .75, car fare, 2.30, 1-2 day to see road and hire help, .75, warning special meetings, 1.5, 1-2 day to see overseer of poor, .50, warning special meeting and posting, 1.50, 1 day making check-list warrants Nov. election, 1.00, bounding school district No. 1, 3 and 9, and making out writings for the same, 1.50, 1 day with Deputy Provost Marshal, 1.0, 1 day regulating juror box, settling and warning special meeting, 1.00, 1-2 day with Provost Marshal, .75, attending two juror meetings, 1.00, 1-2 day settling with Elihu Chase and others, .50, 1 day in office, 1.00, 1 day on town business,

1.00, 1 day at town farm, 1.00, 2 days settling, making check-lists, warrants March election, 2.00, 1 day settling with Auditor, 1.00, making report, 2.00, cash paid Levi S. Heath, .50, services town treasurer, 10.00.

\$62 10

WILLIAM P. SMITH, *Services as Selectman.*

Money paid out, etc.

1-2 day to J. C. Nichols, on case of small pox, .75, 1 day self and team to Sunapee Harbor for Dr. Hopkins, on small pox case, 2.50, 4 days taking inventory, 6.00, making out papers and appointing school officer, .50, warning town meeting, .75, 3 days making taxes, 4.50, 1 day returning inventory to the State, 1.50, to meeting Sunapee selectmen and making school house tax, 1.50, to warning town meeting and investigating the legality of said meeting, 1.50, to appointing highway surveyor, .75, 1-2 day examining bridge near Osborn place on complaint, .75, 1-2 day investigating the case of Hiram T. Eastman, being drafted, .75, 1-2 day examining turnpike on complaint, warning town meeting, .75, to 1 day to West Lebanon on conscript business, team and expenses for the same, 4.50, attending jurors meeting, .50, to going to J. Davis' to see about raising money for recruits, .75, 5 1-2 days self and team borrowing money, 11.00, to investigating the case of procuring substitutes by request of Charles McDaniels, .75, 1 day warning town meeting and posting warrants on the doors of school house, 1.50, 1 1-2 day self and team borrowing money, 2.00, to examining bog bridge, .75, 1-2 day borrowing money, self and team, 1.00, to money paid out to Davis & Spencer, as premium for getting 1,150.00, 1.50, to going to see J. Davis on case procuring substitutes, .75, 1 day borrowing money self and team, 2.00, to one day making out check-list and warning town meeting to bounding school districts, 1.00, to correcting check-list, .50, to perambulating the town line between Grafton and Springfield, 4.85, 1 1/2 day meeting with the Dept. Provost Marshal, 2.00, to 1 day settling up, 1.50, 1 day borrowing money self and team, 2.00, to settling with E. Loverin and others on case of substitutes, .75, to 1 day borw-

ing money self and team, 2.00, to going to see J. Davis about getting volunteers, .75, to attending jurors meeting, .50, 1 day to J. Davis on substitute business and settling up, 1.50, 1 day appraising property on poor farm, 1.50, 1 day settling up, 1.50, 1 day making out check-list and warning town meeting, 1.50, 1 day settling with auditors, 1.50, making town reports, 1.50, to correcting check-list, .50, —\$79 10 •

JACOB MESSER, *Services as Selectman.*

Money paid out, etc.

4 days taking inventory, 6.00, warning town meeting, .75, 3 days making taxes, 4 50, 1 day returning inventory to the State, 1.50, 1-2 day warning town meeting, .75, 1-2 day warning town meeting, .75, attending juror meeting, .50, 1 day self and team hiring money for the town, 2.00, 1 day warning town meeting, and posting warrants on the doors of school houses, 2.00, 1 day to Concord to settle with volunteers, 1.50, expenses for the same, 4.00, 1 day regulating check-list and warning town meeting, 1.50, 1 1-2 days bounding district No. 1, 3, and 9, 1.00, 1 day revising juror box and warning town meeting, 1.50, 1 day meeting with the Dept. Provost Marshal, 1.50, 1 day self and team hiring money for the town, 2.00, cash paid for revenue stamps, 1.00, 1-2 day settling with Chase and others, .75, 1 day self and team hiring money for the town, 2.00, cash paid for revenue stamps, .35, 1-2 day self and team, 1.00, 2 days settling up, 3.00, 1 day making out check-list and warning town meeting, 1.50, 1 day settling with auditors, 1.50, making town report, 1.50, correcting check-list, .50. —\$44.85 •

DANIEL H. ADAMS, *Services as Town Clerk.*

Paid V. Manahan for list of births and deaths, 2.80, recording same, 3.36, H. N. Mason for list of births and deaths, .05, recording same, .06, recording 5 marriages, .30, notifying jurors meetings selectmen and jurors, 2.00, recording sale of real estate, .50, postage and stationery, 1.00, making return to Adj. General, .50, services as town clerk, 15.00, —\$25 57

DANIEL H. ADAMS, *Services as Collector.*

Collecting \$4,195.26, including school house tax to the amount of 10.97 at .008 per cent., 33.56, settling up, 1.00, —————\$34 56 •

DANIEL P. QUIMBY, *Services as Superintending School Committee.*

Examining 19 teachers, 4.75, 33 visits, 24.75, paid Oliver C. Heath, wood for Commissioner's lecture, 1.00, making report, 2.00, —————\$32 50 •

CARLTON H. MELENDY, *Services as Selectman for 1863.*

Three days taking inventory, 3.00, three days making taxes, 3.00, 1-2 day to Hiram S. Barber, .50, 1 day on Perley road, 1.00, 1 day 4th N. H. Turnpike, 1.00, 1 day on Washburn road, 1.00, —————\$9 50 •

CHARLES McDANIEL, to visits at J. C. Nichols, varioloid case, —————\$1.00

CHARLES McDANIEL, *Recruiting Agent.*

3 days to West Lebanon militia business, 4.50, to use of team, 4.50, expenses self and team, 2.75, two half days' in town self and team, 2.00, —————\$13 75 •

JOHN F. HARDY, *Overseer of the Poor.*

1 day hiring hand for town farm, 1.00, 1-2 day on pauper case, .50, 1 day to Grantham, Laura Stevens, pauper case, 1.00, 1-2 day J. Stevens pauper case, .50, 2 days to Charlestown to employ council on Whipple case, 2.00, 1 day to Canaan, A. Hezelton

pauper case, 1.00, 1 day moving B. Cross to town farm, 1.00, 1-2 day A. Hezelton pauper case, .50, 1 day buying cow for town farm, 1.00, 1 day A. Hezelton, pauper case, 1.00, 1-2 day at town farm, .50, 1-2 day self and team to Croydon on Wiggin case, 1.00, 2 1-2 days buying oxen for town farm, 2.50, 3 days to Croydon on Whipple pauper case, 3.00, 1 day at Newport to settle Whipple case, 1.00, 2 days at Concord to get Whipple girl, 2.00, 1 day appraising property at town farm, 1.00, 1 day to Canaan on A. Hezelton pauper case, 1.00, 1 day settling up bills, 1.00, making report, 2.50.

—\$26 00 .

Expenses as Overseer of the Poor.

Team and expenses to Grantham on Laura Stevens case, 1.00, team and expenses to Charlestown on Whipple case, 3.00, team and expenses to Canaan Hezelton case, 1.75, team and expenses to Canaan on Hezelton case, 1.75, to Croydon on Wiggin case, .50, team and expenses to Croydon three times on Whipple case, 2.00, team and expenses to Newport to settle Whipple case, 1.50, cash paid for expenses at Concord getting Whipple girl, 10.10, team and expenses to Canaan to settle up Hezelton case, 2.00, cash paid for expenses, 1.50,

—\$25 10 .

JOSEPH DAVIS, JR., *Services and cash paid out.*

2 days at West Lebanon, 3.00, team to Lebanon, 2.00, expenses at Lebanon, 2.40, 2 days at Lebanon, 3.00, team, 2.00, expenses at Lebanon, 2.95, 1 day to see selectmen and hiring money, self and team, 2.00, 1 day at Newport to hire money, 1.50, team, 1.50, expense at Newport, .75, cash paid for revenue stamps, 10.00, 1 day at Concord, 1.50, car fare, 2.80, expense at Concord, 1.50, team and keeping, 2.00, 1 day self and team hiring money, 2.00, 1 day at Grafton and Enfield after money, 1.50, team, 1.00, expense, .50, 1 day at Grafton, 1.50, team, 1.00, 1 day at East Enfield, self and team, 2.00, 2 days at Concord to settle with volunteers, 3.00, team and keeping, 2.00, car fare, 2.70, expenses, 1.25, 4 days at West Lebanon, 6.00, team, 2.00, expenses, 7.50, paid for assignment paper, .50, 5 days at W. Leba-

non, 7.50, team, 2.00, expenses, 8.75, 3 days at W. Lebanon, 4.50, team, 2.00, expenses, 6.25, paid for assignment papers, 1.50, 2 days at Concord, 3.00, team to Potter Place, 1.50, expenses, 3.00, car fare, 2.70, 1 day at W. Lebanon, 1.50, team, 2.00, expense, 1.00, 4 days at W. Lebanon, 6.00, team, 2.00, expenses, 8.75, 1 day at W. Lebanon, 1.50, team, 2.00, expenses, 1.50, 2 days at Concord, 3.00, team to Andover, 1.00, keeping horse, 1.00, car fare, 2.80, expenses, 3.50, 1 day self and team hiring money, 2.00, 1 day at Enfield after money, self and team, 2.00, 2 days at W. Lebanon, 3.00, team, 2.00, expenses, 4.50, 3 days at W. Lebanon, 4.50, team, 2.00, expenses, 4.50, 2 days at W. Lebanon, 3.00, team, 2.00, expenses, 4.75, services as committee to aid volunteers' families one year, 12.00, interest on money furnished the town 23.04, cash paid for postage, paper and envelopes, 4.15, paid for revenue stamps, 1.10.

\$228 14 .

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

John F. Hardy, Overseer of the Poor, (For bills see Overseer's Report.)	\$319 23 -
James T. Colby, services, case of varioloid, John C. Nichols,	2 50 -
Valentine Manahan, services and medicine in case of varioloid, 6.00, chloride and express, 65, vaccinating 31 individuals, 7.75,	14 40 -
D. L. Guernsey & Co., paper and blank,	1 75 -
G. Parker Lyon, Collector's book and inventory books,	2 30 -
Fogg, Hadley & Co., printing reports, 1863,	20 00 -
Erastus R. Boyce, Superintending School Committee, 1862,	20 00 -
Cogswell & Sturtevant, blanks and stationery,	3 00 -
Daniel N. Adams, for glass, town house,	1 60
R. W. Stuart, surveying town line,	3 00
Jonathan Buswell, cutting bushes on town line,	1 50 -
D. L. Guernsey & Co., blanks and stationery,	1 84 -
Levi W. Barton, services on Kidder Road, 1863,	5 00 -
William H. Quimby, fencing around the town house,	1 50 -
Joseph Sulloway, two days to Claremont with weights and measures, 2.00, use of team, 2.50, expenses, 4.00, one yard stick, .50, paid Jonathan Miner, 1.75,	11 25 -
A. D. Holmes, over tax 1864,	4 55 -
Samuel Quimby, services as moderator, by vote of the town,	2 00 -

Daniel H. Adams, town farm tax and non-resident highway taxes,	17 00 -
James McDaniels, school house tax, District No. 5,	9 41 -
State tax,	1.060 00 -
County tax,	399 68 -
William Currier, school house tax, Boyce & Chase,	1 44 -
Samuel Quimby and Daniel N. Adams, Auditors,	2 00 -
George R. Stevens, note and interest,	123 58 -
Gary Morgan, " "	280 27 -
Rebecca A. Quimby for John J. Quimby's note and interest,	206 11 -
R. F. Stevens, endorsement on note,	15 00 -
George McDaniels, note and interest,	193 26 -
James H. Hardy, endorsement on note,	25 00 -
Francis Richardson, " "	12 00 -
James W. Waler, " "	235 00 -
John M. Philbrick, note and interest,	449 79 -
James K. Richardson, note and interest,	223 55 -
James K. Richardson, " "	104 25 -
John D. Washburn, " "	196 35 -
Valentine Manahan, " "	106 37 -
R. F. Stevens, endorsement on note,	40 00 -
James H. Hardy, " " " "	50 00 -
Sam. Colby for Henry Colby's note, and interest not reported last year,	312 60 -
Richard Sanborn for Henry Robie, note and interest,	179 83 -
George H. Morgan, note and interest,	50 90 -
John F. Carter, " "	501 25 -
S. Jane Baker, for John S. Sanborn's note and interest,	214 75 -
Mary Haselton, note and interest,	150 30 -
Rhoda A. Hilborn, note and interest,	225 60 -
John Morrill for Solon Morrill, note and interest,	114 36 -
David S. Luce for Nancy C. Luce, note and interest,	38 82 -
Elizabeth Sanborn, note and interest,	51 50 -
Elihu Chase, " "	206 00 -
Eliza Perley, endorsement on note,	10 00 -
Betsy Nichols, endorsement on note of Oliver Nichols,	6 00 -
Joseph Davis, Jr., Fernando G. Lull, note and interest,	405 84 -
Samuel Quimby, note and interest,	1.252 55 -
Daniel H. Adams for James W. Waler's note and interest,	144 71 -
Joseph Davis, endorsement on Abner J. Sanborn's note,	300 00 -
Joseph Davis, Jr., endorsement on note,	200 00 -
Daniel N. Adams, balance due on Francis Richardson's note,	103 23 -
Whole amount of miscellaneous bills,	\$8.633 67

PAID VOLUNTEERS AND SUBSTITUTES BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

Elihu Chase, substitute for Hosea B. Chase,	\$310 00
Hiram T. Eastman, substitute order,	300 00
Oliver Nichols, " "	300 00
Charles V. Pillsbury, " "	300 00
James M. Philbrick, " "	300 00
A. C. Fifield, substitute for John H. Johnson,	900 00
Joseph Davis, Jr., substitute for Richard S. Morgan,	800 00
D. B. Emerson, substitute for Joseph Hill,	900 00
D. B. Emerson, for substitute for Henry H. Philbrick,	900 00
Abner J. Sanborn, towards town bounty,	500 00
James T. Colby, " " "	100 00
James A. Chase, " " "	200 00
Benjamin F. Hill, " " "	400 00
Isaac D. Tenny, " " "	532 00
Aldred H. Fowler, " " "	500 00
Ebenezer S. Kibbee, " " "	550 00
Albert H. Davis, town bounty,	1.000 00
Amounting to,	<u>\$8,792 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount credited to the town,	\$22,817 74
Paid school money,	\$492 11
Minister money,	27 46
Damages,	50 00
Roads and bridges,	130 45
Aid to volunteers' families,	2,154 00
Joseph Davis, Jr.,	62 10
William P. Smith,	79 10
Jacob Messer,	44 85
Daniel H. Adams,	60 13
Daniel P. Quimby,	32 50
Carlton H. Melendy,	9 50
Charles McDaniel,	14 75
John F. Hardy,	51 10
Joseph Davis, Jr.,	228 14
Miscellaneous bills,	8,633 67
Volunteers and substitutes,	8,792 00
	<u>\$20,861 86</u>

The whole amount paid out by the Selectmen is twenty thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars and eighty-six cents.

Cash in hands of Joseph Davis, Jr.,	\$1,955 88
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Amounting to twenty-two thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars and seventy-four cents.	\$22,817 74
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OUTSTANDING DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN.

A. S. Philbrick, note,	\$730 00	John H. Johnson,	67 00
S. Quimby, notes,	1.091 00	Ephraim D. Morgan,	103 00
E. R. Boyce, note,	250 00	Asa Chase, Jr.,	410 00
Sophia Colby, note,	311 00	Mary F. Nichols,	316 00
Asa Chase, Jr., notes,	451 00	Betsey J. Gross,	51 00
Kimball Hezelton, note,	89 00	Mardin Gross,	721 00
Esther J. Sanborn, note,	30 00	Robert Fulton,	112 00
Eliza Perley, note,	52 00	Enoch Messer,	102 00
Oliver Nichols, notes,	471 00	Thomas J. Colby,	51 00
J. Davis, Jr., notes,	1.133 00	Nath'l C. Knowlton,	103 00
Geo. B. Robie, notes,	275 00	Ephram Davis,	51 00
Betsey A. Johnson, note,	123 00	Rev. A. Farwell,	103 00
Betsey A. Johnson, note,	183 00	Asa B. Pillsbury,	304 00
James Boyce, note,	86 00	Alstead Brownell,	309 00
Elihu Chase, notes,	1.118 00	Moses Powell,	309 00
Mary Morrill, notes,	346 00	Samuel Stevens,	103 00
Elihu Chase, note,	107 00	Mary E. Gilman,	103 00
Henry T. Sanborn, note,	116 00	Richard G. Pillsbury,	103 00
Moses C. Colcord, note,	230 00	William Thissell,	77 00
R. F. Sanborn, note,	173 00	William Conant,	51 00
Francis Nichols, note,	173 00	Ezra Pillsbury,	31 00
V. Manahan, notes,	455 00	Aaron Quimby, Jr.,	515 00
W. M. Fowler, note,	143 00	John Trow,	426 00
C. D. Fowler, note,	115 00	Joshua D. Hemphill,	460 00
R. W. Heath, note,	115 00	James S. Boyce,	129 00
Geo. F. Colby, note,	115 00	Horace Atwell,	514 00
J. M. Philbrick, notes,	1.491 00	Lewis Pillsbury,	103 00
J. Philbrick, notes,	1.426 00	James Eastman,	823 00
Hannah Smalley, note,	156 00	James Colcord,	77 00
Bertram G. Locke, note,	271 00	Leavitt S. Pillsbury,	77 00
Austin Loverin, notes,	344 00	Mary S. Pillsbury,	220 00
J. Q. Loverin, note,	230 00	Junius A. Spencer, note,	154 00
James McDaniels, notes,	432 00	Lydia Spencer,	206 00
Israel Sanborn, notes,	863 00	Sanborn Davis,	1.004 00
E. L. Nichols, notes,	337 00	Albert K. Reed,	515 00
William A. Nason,	107 00	Alonzo P. Nichols,	257 00
Lorinda M. Addison,	161 00	Charles D. Sargent,	230 00
Thirzah Kensley, note,	161 00	Edwin F. Messer,	177 00
D. H. Adams, notes,	268 00	Hezekiah Messer,	141 00
David S. Luce, notes,	176 00	M. C. Todd,	300 00
Alexander Stevens, note,	202 00	Aaron Young,	50 00
Ziba S. Eastman, note,	231 00	Gideon Wilkins,	100 00
H. M. Johnson, note,	231 00	Thomas S. Worthen,	70 00
James Morrill, notes,	356 00	Harvey Brown,	400 00
L. W. Nichols, notes,	323 00	Charles Jewett,	100 00
Merrill Robie, notes,	328 00	John M. Dow,	125 00

B. R Randall, note,	116 00	Marcus K. Houser,	100 00
John Robie, note,	115 00	Amanda McDaniels,	550 00
H. B. Fowler, note,	115 00	Augustus Russell,	210 00
Harriet Morrill,	354 00	Benjamin F. Hill,	612 00
Moses B. Morrill,	150 00	Geo. P. Sholes,	1,025 00
Sargent Heath,	139 00	Andrew J. Young,	1,025 00
Alamando Heath,	214 00	Abner J. Sanborn,	212 00
Reuben F. Stevens,	458 00	Isaac D. Tenny,	480 00
John H. Prescott,	162 00	James T. Colby,	922 00
Horace H. Philbrick,	271 00	James A. Chase,	820 00
Daniel P. Quimby,	1,024 00	Ebenezer S. Kibbee,	461 00
Israel Sanborn,	104 00	Aldred H. Fowler,	512 00
Alonzo P. Nichols,	258 00	Geo. W. Austin,	210 00
Betsey Nichols,	51 00	James H. Hardy,	125 00
Joseph Colcord,	258 00	T. F. Hoyt, claim,	1,000 00
Mrs. Rufus B. Straw,	309 00	E. E. Loverin, claim,	700 00
School money, district No. 14,	35 00		
Minister money unpaid,	13 00		

Amounting to, \$40,240 00

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND PROPERTY ON HAND.

Due on Collector's bond, 1864,	\$250 00
Due from the United States,	2,840 00
Due from the State for volunteers families,	1,850 00
New Hampshire State note,	1,208 00
Levi S. Heath, note and interest,	36 88
Personal property on town farm,	1,227 62
Town Farm,	1,337 00
Cash in hands of Joseph Davis, Jr.,	1,955 88

\$10,705 38

Leaving the town actually in debt over and above
available funds, \$29,534 62

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH DAVIS, JR.,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Springfield.</i>
WM. P. SMITH,	
JACOB MESSER,	

There are vouchers in the Selectmen's hands for all bills by them paid, and their accounts are properly kept and correctly cast.

SAMUEL QUIMBY,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
DANIEL N. ADAMS,	

Springfield, February 27, 1865.

REPORT

*Of JOHN F. HARDY, Overseer of the Poor, for the Town of
Springfield, for the year ending March, 1865.*

THE TOWN FARM, - - - - -

DR.

To amount of personal property on hand as appraised by the Selectmen, Feb. 22, 1864,	\$923 73
Cash paid Henry H. Philbrick, services self and wife one year,	150 00
Paid Daniel N. Adams, 3 lbs. nails, .18, 1 whip, .20, thread, .16, 1-4 gross matches, .14, 100 lbs. meal, 2.90, 2 bushels salt, 1.80, 2 yds. sheeting, .76, 1 lb. tea, 1.45, 10 lbs. salaratus, .90, 3-4 bushel seed, 2.72, 9 lbs. clover, 1.50, 1 box mustard, .23, 4 papers seeds, .24, 1 ax helve, .23, 1-8 bushel H. grass seed, .47, 2 lbs. clover, .34, 2 bowls, .27, 4lb. nails, .32, 1 box salt, .45, 1 bundle matches, .25, 3 lbs. nails, .24, 1 pr. shoes, 1.00, 1 bottle spirits tur- pentine, .20, 8 yds. sheeting, 4.00, 9 yds. print, 2.52, 2 scythes, 2.17, 1 oz. linen thread, .16, 1 lb. Y. H. tea, 1.50, 1-2 bush. beans, 1.38, 1-4 pepper, .13, 1 bbl. flour, 12.12, 1-4 gross matches, .40, 5 lights glass, .40, 3-4 lb. putty, .06, 1 oz. linen thread, .16, 1-2 lb. tobacco, .44, 1-2 lb. tea, .84, 1 box salt, .50, 2 lbs. nails, .24, 7 yds sheeting, 3.36, 1 bbl. flour, 12.25, 1 bush salt, 1.40, 1 plug tobacco, .25, 1 pint oil, .20, 1 ball wicking, .14, 1 lb. nails, .12, 1 cham- ber, .55, 1 set ox balls, .25, 2 yds. sheeting, 1.00, 1 bbl. flour, 12.50, 1-4 saltpetre, .07, 1-2 lb. tobac- co, .45, 1 gall. molasses, 1.00, 1 oz. linen thread, .16, 1-2 lb. tea, .88, 1-4 ginger, .12, 1-2 lb. tobacco, .48, 1 bush. salt, 1.40, 2 lbs. nails, .24, 1 lb. tea, 1.75, 1 ax helve, .28, 1 gall. molasses, .90, 1-4 gall. kerosene, .30, 1 oil can, .65, 1-2 lb. tobacco, .50, 1-4 gall. kerosene, .30, 1 ax helve, .28, 1-2 gall. kerosene, .60, 1 ball wicking, .20, 1 bbl. flour, 12.50, 1 box salt, .50, 1 collar, .13, 1-4 yd. muslin, .15, 1-2 gallon kerosene oil, .60.	\$103 43
Paid J. & W. Russell, 1 pr. mittens, 1.00, 4 yds, frocking, 4.00,	5 00
Paid Henry H. Philbrick, 1-4 lb. saltpetre, .05, 1 lb. sulphur, .10, 3 bush. barley, 3.00, use of buckets	

and kettles, 1.50, 2 balls wicking, .20, shoeing ox-	
en, .25, 1 pot, .75, paid on kettle, .38, 1 basin,	
.28, S. Heath, due on shoats, 1.17, shoeing oxen,	
.15, William Gilman, mending boots, .40, 1 pig,	
3.00, 1 butter tub, .38, 3 1-2 lbs. fish, .25, 1 year-	
ling, 11,	22 86
Paid William Washburn, Jr., 1-2 bush. rye, 1.03, 3	
bushels meal, 6.00, 3 bushels meal, 6.16,	13.19
Paid Edward Story, one coffin for Benjamin Cross, 7.50,	
1 robe, 1.75,	9 25
Alonzo Cross, 32 1-2 lbs. beef,	3 20
James Johnson, 27 1-2 lbs. pork,	6 32
Amos Hastings, tapping boots, .17, leather, 1.00,	1 17
Kneeland Stocker, 1 patent yoke,	7 00
Fifield Sanborn, mending boots,	1 45
Paid by John F. Hardy,	
Cash for three yearlings,	36 00
Tallant Boyce, for threshing,	2 55
Joseph Sulloway, for blacksmithing,	3 70
Langdon L. Hill, for one pig,	3 00
William P. Smith, one bbl. flour,	9 50
Sargent Heath, shoemaking,	42
Sargent Heath, 2 shoats,	10 00
William H. Quimby, clapboards and shingles,	7 50
John Johnson, 2 butter tubs,	75
Albert H. Davis, 2 bushels meal,	3 50
Jeremiah Crosby, 1 bbl. flour,	9 75
J. F. Carter, 52 lbs. meal,	2 08
A. P. Nichols, 1-2 bush. rye,	1 00
Lorenzo Dow, shoemaking,	2 00
Moses Bean, yarn for stockings,	1 19
Rev. A. Farwell, 1 cow,	35 00
Samuel Horton, 1 pr. oxen,	170 00
Kimball Heselton, moving A. Heselton to town farm,	50
Paid for team to get coffin for Benjamin Cross,	1 00
Paul G. Cook, going to Canaan after A. Heselton,	3 50
Henry H. Philbrick, for ox sled,	4 00
A. Heselton,	2 10
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	\$309 04
Amount paid out for town farm,	631 91
Paid E. L. Cushing, for advice and attorney fees,	12 50

PAID FOR PAUPERS NOT ON THE FARM.

Paid E. R. Perkins, for support of Margaret Twiss from	
March 20, 1863, to March 20, 1864,	12 00

Valentine Manahan, M. D., for professional services, for Jeremiah Stevens, 14 00, services and medicine for A. Heselton, 3.50,	17 50
Daniel N. Adams, 1-4 bbl, flour, 2.13, for Jeremiah Stevens,	2 13
Daniel N. Adams, 1 gall. molasses, .90, 4 pounds lard, 1.00, 4 yds. sheeting, 2.50, 19 pounds pork, 5.13, 9 yds. print, 3.78, 1 yd. silecia, .42, spool thread, .13, card hooks and eyes, .05, 1 gallon molasses, .90, 1 lb. saleratus, .13, delivered to Lucy Wiggin,	14 94
Paid Elias Powers, 1 lb. candles, .25, 2 lbs. sugar, .46, 7 1-4 fish, .58, 1-2 lb. tea, .80, 1 lb. saleratus, .10, 1-4 bushel salt, .34, delivered to Lucy Wiggin,	2 53
Paid John Wiggin, for support of Wiggin girl from Jan. 5, 1865, to March 16, 1865, ten weeks,	8 33
Paid William H. Nason, for shoemaking for Wiggin girl,	67
Paid Moses Pillsbury, 1 2 bushel meal for Lucy Wiggin,	1 12
Paid E. Barney, 1-4 lb. black tea, .38, 2 pairs stockings, 1.25, 1 cord wood, 4.00, 2 5-16 lbs. butter, 1.04, 1-4 yd. sheeting, .14, 1 1-4 yds. flannel, 1.06, 1 pair shoes, 1.75, 1 pair copper tip shoes, 1.25, 12 lbs. ham, 2.40, 1-4 tea, .40, 1 doz. crackers, .08, 2-3 yds. flannel, .84, 1 pr. childrens' socks, .25, 1 neck tie, .13, delivered to Hannah Heselton,	14 97
Paid Dr. N. P. Taplin, professional services, for Mrs. A. Heselton and children, and medicine and visits to A. Heselton,	23 00
Paid Hattie S. Putnam for nursing Mrs. Heselton one week,	1 50
Paid Leonard Davis, one shirt furnished A. Heselton,	2 50
Paid Joshua Wells, digging grave and funeral expenses of A. Heselton,	5 00
Paid T. Sanborn, 1 box, 1.25, 1 coffin for A. Heselton, 8.00,	9.25
Amount paid for paupers not on farm,	<hr/> \$115 44

PAID COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Hepzibah Richardson, for support of Henry Richardson, from Jan. 26, 1864, to Dec. 2d, 1864,	82 87
Paid Thomas Heath for support of Hannah Heath from Jan. 23, 1864, to Jan. 21, 1865,	65 00
Paid Dr. V. Manahan, for attendance of Hannah Heath,	1 00
Paid William P. Smith for house rent from Jan. 1, 1864, to May 7, 1864, for Z. Messer,	8 87

Paid Tallant Boyce for house rent from May 7, 1864, to Jan. 22, 1865, for Z. Messer,	4 50
Paid D. N. Adams, bill goods for Z. Messer,	9 20
Paid John F. Hardy for provision,	2 25
Amount paid for county paupers,	\$173 69
Cr. cash received of county of Sullivan,	173 69

TOWN FARM, CREDIT BY PROPERTY SOLD.

6 1-2 lbs beef, .39, wood and drawing, 1.50, 8 1-2 tallow, 1.27, moving goods, 2.00, 1 gall. maple molasses, 1.00, 1-2 day's work. .50, 2 galls. cider, .25, 2 lbs. sugar, .34, 1-2 bushel peas, 1.00, 10 bushels potatoes, 8.00, 2 lbs. butter, .60, 2 days work, 2.00, 12 lbs. sugar, 2.00, use of oxen, 1.50, drawing wood, .75, 7 cords wood, 14.00,	37 10
To Joseph M. Robie, 16 1-2 lbs. apple, 1.16, 3-4 cord wood, 1.00, 900 hay, 4.50.	6 66
To Jeremiah Crosby, 2 cords of wood, 2.50, to L. Bailey,	2 50
Moving goods for Mr. Kidder,	75
Received of Sargent Heath, use of pasture,	3 00
2 spruce stubs, 1.50, 1 days' work, 2.25, 10 gallons cider, 1.25, 1-2 day's work, 1.00,	6 00
Received of R. Hale, 17 5-16 lbs. lard, 2.90, 3 lbs. sugar, .50,	3 40
Received of Frank Russell, 2 doz. eggs,	34
Richard W. Heath, for work, .50, 12 lbs. sugar, 2.00, 7 1-2 lbs. sugar, 1.50,	4 00
Received of D. Howard, 1 lb. sugar,	20
I. W. Sulloway, 29 1-2 lbs. wool,	28 02
A. S. Philbrick, two days work,	4 00
G. F. Heath, for 10 1-2 lbs. sugar, 2.13, for work, 2.50,	4 63
Received of J. G. Hook, for 9 lbs. sugar, 1.70, 1 lb. sugar, .20, ash timber, .75,	2 65
Received of Alonzo Cross, for three pelts,	6 50
Orin D. Thompson, 4-12 lbs. pork,	45
Work and timber to John Heath,	1 00
Received of William P. Smith, for 144 lbs. beef,	14 40
L. Dow, for 1 cord wood,	2 00
Ruel Durkee, one pair oxen,	195 00
Susan Fuller, 1 cord wood,	2 00
Levi S. Heath, for 21 bush. potatoes, 13 65, work, .50, 370 feet of boards, 2.25.	16 40
Received of J. Currier, 1 bushel peas,	1 00

L. Russell, use of oxen,	34
William H. Quimby, 10 bush. oats,	7 50
Timothy Davis, for pasturing,	6 00
H. H. Philbrick, self and team 1 day,	2 00
A. Heath, 1 day,	50
Keeping colt one month,	1 50
Received of Solome Clifford, 2 cord of wood,	3 50
A. S. Philbrick, for 5 7-8 cords bark,	32 16
H. H. Philbrick, 1 watch,	2 00
Received of D. N. Adams, for 17 lbs. butter, 4.76, 130 lbs. oats, 3.13, 6 1-2 lbs. calf-skin, 1.43, two cords of wood, 3.00, 73 lbs. hide, 7.30, 33 lbs. butter, 16.50, 38 1-2 doz. eggs, 7.00,	43 12
Amount of property sold from farm,	<hr/> \$440 62

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON HAND AT TOWN FARM FEBRUARY
23, 1865.

1 pair oxen, 160.00, 4 cows, 135.00,	\$295 00
1 pair three year old steers, 6 two year old,	145 00
2 sheep, 11.00, 15 tons hay,	274 00
9 hens, 4.50, 2 shoats, 20.00, grindstones, 3.00,	27 50
1 cheese cupboard, 1.50, shovel and fork, 2.25,	3 75
2 ox-yokes, bows and irons, 3.00, 1 patent yoke, 7.00,	10 00
3 plows, 17.50, 5 axes 3 hoes, 3.00,	20 50
1 cart and fixtures, 28.00, 3 scythes and snaths, 2.00,	30 00
1 sled, 4.00, 1 drag 1.00, 1 harrow, 3.00,	8 00
50 lbs. chain, 5.00, 1 cheese press, 1.00,	6 00
50 gallons soap and barrel, 11.00, 13 bushels ashes and barrel, 2.60, 21 bushels oats, 21.00,	34 60
3 rakes and two forks, 2.00, 4 1-4 thousand shingles, 10.60, 1 1-2 bush. turnips, .34,	12 94
Wood box and tub, 1.75, pails and tin ware, 3.25, 20 tin pans, 2.40, 1 clasp, .75,	8 15
1 churn, 1.75, cook stove and pipe, 15.00,	16 75
1 box stove and pipe, 5.00, 1 fry pan, 1.00,	6 00
1 lantern, .60, 1 barrel flour, 12.50,	13 10
14 sheets, 5 pairs pillow cases,	4 50
6 pair locks, 2.00, 6 woolen blankets and 1 pair table cloths, 4.50,	6 50
150 lbs. pork, 30 00, 175 lbs. beef, 17.50,	47 50
Bitt and bitstock, .75, 225 bush. potatoes, 112.50,	113 25
12 lbs. dried apple, 1.75, 3 barrels and tunnel, 4 meat barrels, 5.25,	7 00
29 3-4 lbs. tallow, 5.40, 22 1-2 lbs. lard, 5.94,	11 34
140 sap pails, 17.00, 4 pails, .60,	17 60

1-4 bushel salt, .33, 3 tubs, 1.25, 1 brass kettle, 3.50, 1 iron kettle, 1.25,	6 33
1 brass wash-dish, .34, 19 3-4 lbs. maple sugar and tub, 3.14, 1 bush. peas, 2.00,	5 48
3-4 bush. beans, 2.20, 4 baskets, 1.25,	3 45
2 trays, .75, 1 set knives and forks, 1.15,	1 90
2 doz. eggs, .67, 1 lb. saleratus, .12,	79
2 chambers, .75, 50 cords of wood, 50.00,	50 75
1 1-2 lbs. candles, .37, 2 razors, .50,	87
1 wood saw, .75, 1-3 lbs. tea, .60,	1 35
Lumber and logs,	30 00
1-2 bush. meal, 1.00, 1-2 doz. cups and saucers, .25,	1 25
1 doz. plates, .50, 1 mop-stick, clothes line, .30, 1-2 doz. chairs, 1.00, 1 bedstead, 1.00,	2 80
1 small sled, 1.00, iron wedges, .80,	1 80
3 meal bags, .70, 1 box salt, .50, 1 oil can, .67,	1 87

Amount of property, \$1.227 62

Amount of property on hand Feb. 22, 1864, 223 73

Cash paid out from Feb. 1864, to Feb. 1865, 631 91

Interest on farm and stock one year, 138 61

\$1.694 25

CR.—By cash for property sold from		
town farm,	440 62	
property now on hand,	1.227 62	
	<u>1.668 24</u>	
		<u>\$26 01</u>

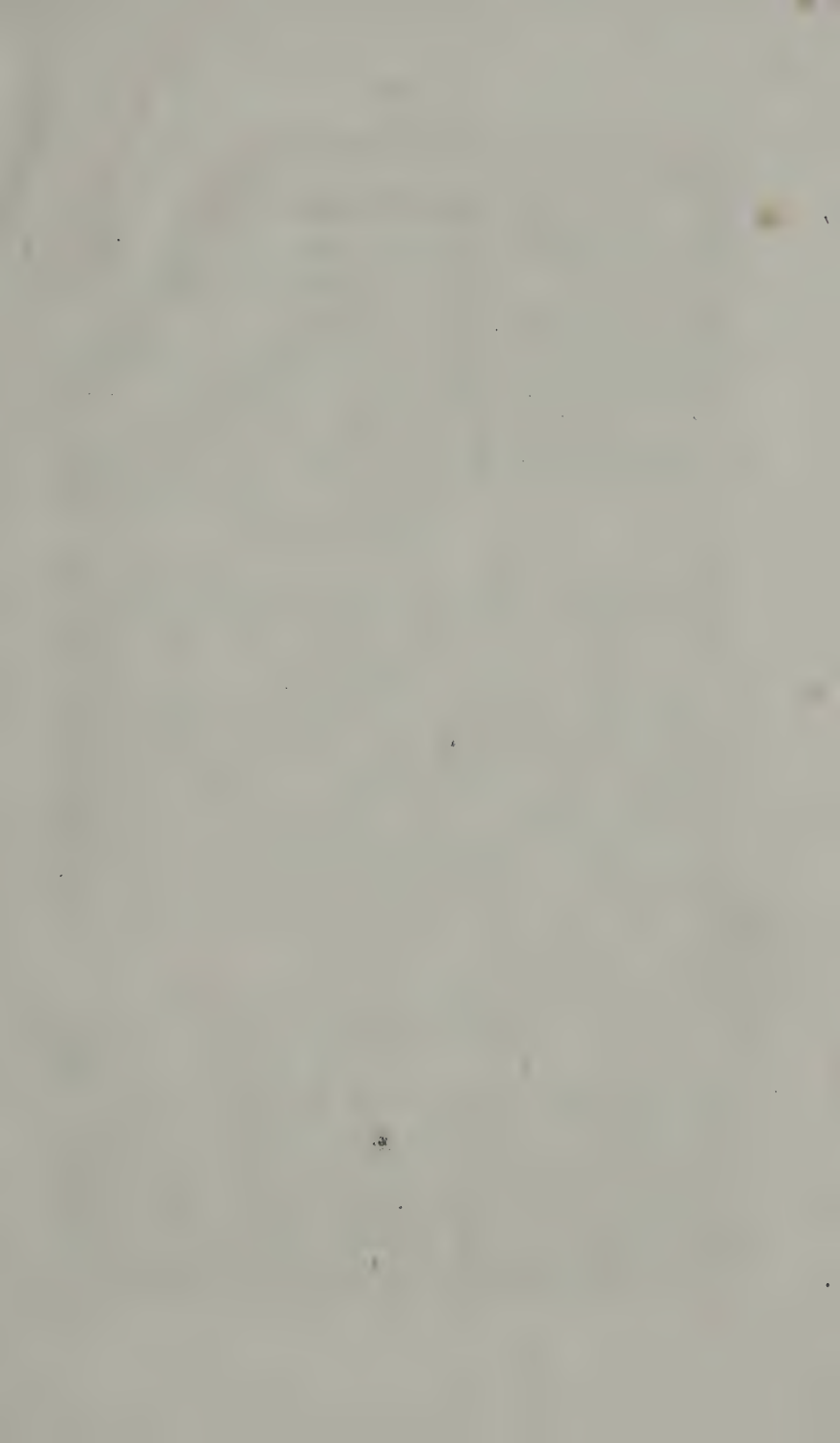
Average number of paupers,	5,	
Cost for pauper per week,	.10,	
Paid out for Town Farm Paupers,	\$631 91	
Paupers not on farm,	115 44	
Cash County Paupers,	173 62	
Cash paid E. L. Cushing,	12 50	
	<u>\$933 47</u>	

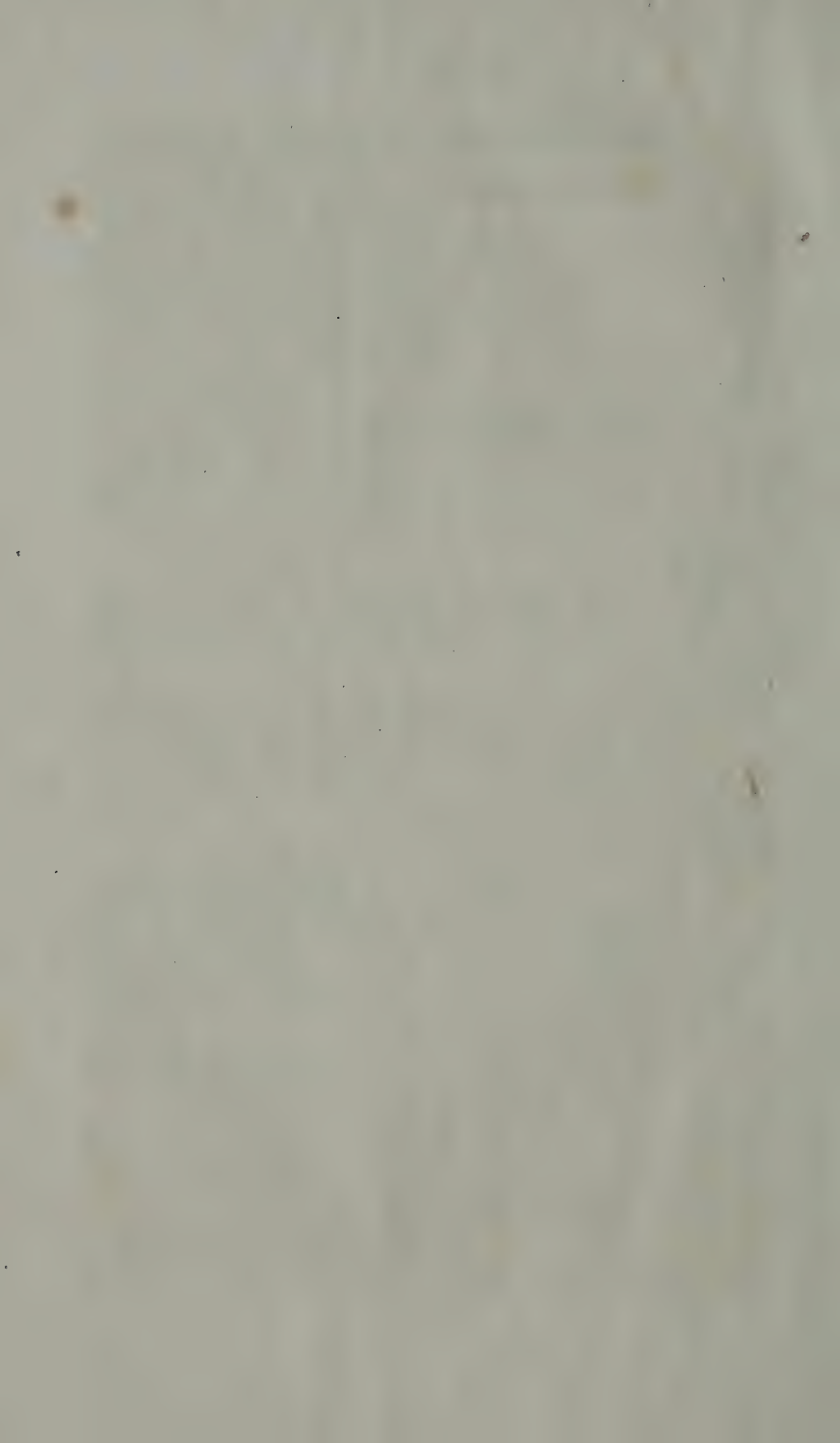
Less.—Sale from Poor Farm,	440 62	
County of Sullivan,	173 62	
	<u>\$614 24</u>	

Balance paid out, \$319 23

JOHN F. HARDY, *Overseer of the Poor.*

Springfield, February 27, 1865.





REPORT

Of the Superintending School Committee of the town of Springfield for the year ending March, 1865.

In making out my report, I will say it has been necessary for me to be absent from town some of the past year, and as it was not convenient for me to visit all the schools twice before I left, I engaged Charles McDaniel to visit those that I had not time, for me. My only reason for so doing was simply this—I knew him to be well acquainted with all the schools in town, and could give me a more correct report of the improvement, than any one else.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term, taught by Abbie F. Gay. This was a large school of nearly all small scholars. It was hard work to keep the little “shavers” in the traces, but she succeeded quite well, and gave satisfaction. Number of scholars, 39; average attendance, 29; length of school, 11 weeks.

Winter Term, by R. Freeman Sanborn. The school house in this district is hardly worthy the name. Some of the “shavers” kicked out of the traces this winter, so it will be necessary to *repair* before the next school, without the district will let us have the *new* one in its stead. In a school where there are forty unruly boys, it is not expected they will be as quiet and orderly as though they were men grown. Order not as good as could have been wished. Number of scholars, 40; average attendance, 35; length of school, 8½ weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term, by Ann R. Taylor. I visited this school but once. At that time it appeared well, and I think by what I can learn of the parents, she was liked quite well. Number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12; length of school, 6 weeks.

Winter Term, by J. Sewall Brown. I was away at the commencement of this school, but Charles reports it “all right.” I was in the last week of school and they were all shivering over a red-hot stove. It is too bad to send the little fellows there to suffer as they must with the cold, when a few dollars rightly laid out would make it much more comfortable for them. Mr. Brown is inexperienced, but has made a good beginning and if he follows the calling he will be an honor to the profession. Number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12; length of school, 6 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term, by Elvira H. Johnson, who is evidently one of our best teachers. I visited this term but once and found every thing quiet and harmonious. Number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10; length of school, 8 weeks.

Winter Term, by Abby J. Davis. Her object was not merely to obtain a trifling compensation—but to lead her pupils with a strong and sure, but gentle hand, out of the tangled thickets of ignorance. Number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16; length of school, 10 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term, by Georgia Sargent. There are some excellent scholars in this school. The teacher hardly met our expectation. Number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; length of school, 8 weeks.

Winter Term, was taught by Rachel S. Brown. This school was a perfect success. The teacher amply qualified, scholars studious, and consequently they passed a splendid examination. Number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 10; length of school, 7 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer Term, taught by Abby J. Davis, with excellent success. This school ranks with the first class of schools in town, and was very much advanced this term. Number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9; length of school, 7 weeks.

Winter Term, by Gilman Colby. This school was visited by your Committee but once. It opened favorably and I conclude the teacher was very much interested in the school, as he did not spend the time to take *his* school with *other* teachers, and meet with our Commissioner at the Town house for a public examination. Number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14; length of school 8 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term, by Rachel S. Brown. This was Miss Brown's second term in this district and we cannot speak too highly of her as a teacher. She was thorough in her work and great improvement was made. Number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 15; length of school, 8 weeks.

Winter Term, by Amelia S. Pearsons. I was not notified at the commencement, therefore it was the last of the second week before I visited it. The appearance of the school was very much changed from last summer. The second time was visited by Charles, who reports that the improvement was hardly worthy of note. Number of scholars, 17; length of school, 6 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term, by Mary A. Perley, who labored hard and secured the hearty cooperation of both parents and scholars. Number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 20; length of school, 8 weeks.

Winter Term, by French A. Sawyer. I was away at the commencement, and Charles reports it as being all right. I was in the last week and was much pleased with all the recitations. They made excellent improvement. Register not returned.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The district had two terms, both taught by Ann McDaniel who is thorough in everything, and goes on the principle "a thing that is worth doing at all, is worth doing *well*;" allowing her pupils to pass over nothing but what they thoroughly understand; thus enabling them to travel with ease up the sunny side of the hill of science. Number of scholars summer, 22; average attendance 18; length of school, 7 weeks. Number of scholars winter, 29; average attendance, 24; length of school, 10½ weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Only one term, and that taught by Emelie E. Hill. There were only six scholars that attended school, and were all small. Improvement good. Miss Hill though inexperienced, is a good teacher. Number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 4; length of school, 10 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

There was but one term, and that successfully taught by Abby F. Gay. This is a small school, but there are some quite good scholars. Number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10; length of school, 12 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer Term, taught by Louisa V. George, who is an experienced teacher. She was, as far as book learning is concerned, amply qualified, but lacked in government. Number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 25; length of school, 6 weeks.

Winter Term, by George F. Pettingill. My advice to this district would be, as they have a large school, and some good scholars, to be very particular in future to hire only such teachers as you are sure of their being *living active* ones. Number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 24; length of school, 7 weeks.

We had many good schools in town the past year; so also we had some, too many, poor ones. I should divide our schools in this respect, into three classes; 1, Good; 2, Medium; 3, Bad. The proportion would sum somewhat as follows: one fifth *good*, one fifth *bad*, and three fifths *medium*. It is surprising how the state of the schools in any district answers to the interest felt by the people in these three particulars. The most successful schools, as a general thing, combine these three things: good teachers, of course, for nothing else can compensate for a poor teacher; good houses, for a good orderly school can hardly be kept in such old ruins as some of ours. Yes, one thing more — good scholars, loving study and willing to submit to wholesome discipline. These are the things to be aimed at in all our schools. If we would increase the proportion of good schools, and decrease the bad and indifferent, we must have convenient and commodious houses and furnish them for use, secure the best teachers, regarding not so much price as *quality*, and then send well trained children there, with the distinct understanding that they are to be good, submissive and obedient scholars, or find no approval, not only in the school house, but also at their homes.

Those schools may be classed as *medium*, where you find not much in particular to commend or to condemn. Everything moves along in the same old way, — good enough if there is no better. The teacher teaches as he was taught, and that seems well enough; the scholars study and recite, read and spell, as they always have done, and make some improvement, and that satisfies all concerned. Improvements and advances upon the past and present seem out of the question. The scholars study their lessons and recite them, and so make some progress. Such schools are not absolutely worthless; they may be better than none, and we must put up with them till they can be improved; but they are certainly unprofitable for the capital invested, though not lost, still, like most railroad stocks, pays a small *per cent*. But a positively bad school is a thing to be dreaded — dreaded in its example and its influence; teachers incompetent, careless and indolent; scholars idle, uninterested and noisy. The sooner such a school closes the better for all concerned. We should not say the money here invested, pays a small *per cent*.; it is all lost, principal and interest.

PARENTAL INFLUENCE.

The usefulness of a teacher depends greatly upon the influence exerted by parents upon the minds of their children. If they speak disparagingly of a teacher in their presence, form their opinions by inquiries made of them out of school, (which are liable to be erroneous,) and then pass judgment upon the school without any personal observation by visiting it, they do the teacher, the school, and the cause of education a great

wrong. Their own families will ultimately be the greater sufferers; their children are thereby encouraged to renewed acts of disobedience. The teacher may sometimes err, for "to err is human." But be charitable; never listen to the hasty reports of your children, nor speak ill of the teacher in their presence. In civil law, every man is considered innocent, until he is proved guilty. No teacher should be condemned unheard.

IN RELATION TO TEXT BOOKS.

I have thought best this winter to introduce Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetics into *all* the schools as *some* were using them, and some Adams; both kinds were in some of the schools. I succeeded quite well and they were all glad to make the exchange till I got to District No. 3; there they were using *both* kinds. There were four using Adams; and one of them was willing to make the exchange; one said he *would not*, and the other two remained neutral. After the school had been in successful operation five weeks, there were three scholars taken from school for some reason that I am unable to account for. Let what will be the reason, if they will look at it with an impartial eye, they must at once see who are the greater sufferers. We have two or three kinds of Reading books in our schools, and I would recommend them all to get Quackenbos' History of the United States, as a reader. It is a good thing, and I think they would admire it.

We sincerely hope a greater interest will be manifested by Parents and Guardians with respect to our Common Schools. Make it a rule to visit your school twice, at least, every term, speak encouraging words to your teacher and scholars, and you will be astonished to see the interest manifested, that you have awakened in that school.

In conclusion we would say, our object and aim has been to advance the interest of the schools. Our prayer is that the common schools may be conducted in such a way that their influence may be exerted over the mind, and hearts, and lives of all our youth.

Please accept my many thanks for the renewed confidence you have placed in me, in again choosing me as your Committee. I have endeavored to do my duty in a manner acceptable to you.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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